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SUBJ: FRENCH CLAIM VICTORY IN COMMERCIAL COMPETITION TO SELL
HELICOPTER-MOUNTED MISSILE SYSTEM

REF: (A) STATE 296680 (NOTAL), (B) KUWAIT 4078.

1. FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICER HAS INFORMED US THAT THE GOK HAS
"BROUGHT THE FRENCH MISSILE SYSTEM" TO INSTALL ON ITS GAZELLE
HELICOPTERS, BUT ASKED THAT WE NOT PUBLICIZE THIS FACT, (FOR
UNSTATED REASONS). HIS CLAIM REFERS TO U.S.-FRENCH COMMERCIAL
COMPETITION TO INSTALL AIR TO GROUND MISSILE SYSTEM ON KUWAITI
HELICOPTERS, ALL OF WHICH ARE FRENCH (REF B). WE HAVE BEEN
UNABLE TO CONFIRM THIS REPORT WITH THE GOK; NEITHER THE MOD
STAFF NOR THE KUWAIT AIR FORCE STAFF HAVE RESPONDED TO OUR
INQUITIES IN PAST WEEKS.

2. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, SUGGEST DEPARTMENT TELL HUGHES
THAT OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THE SAME AS THEIRS (REF A). MEAN-
WHILE WE WILL CONTINUE SEEKING OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION, AND
WILL THEN REPORT.

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